



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### CENTRAL SERVICE WEEK

- WHEREAS: Central service technicians are responsible for processing surgical instruments, supplies, and equipment; and
- WHEREAS: Serving in settings ranging from hospitals to ambulatory surgical centers, central service technicians provide essential support to patient care services; and
- WHEREAS: Central Service Department tasks include decontaminating, cleaning, processing, assembling, sterilizing, storing, and distributing the medical devices and supplies needed for patient care; and
- WHEREAS: The Central Service Department of a health care facility is the heart of all activity involving instruments, supplies, and equipment required for operating rooms, endoscopy suites, intensive care units, birth centers, and other patient care areas; and
- WHEREAS: Central service technicians play an important role in providing optimal patient care and are responsible for first-line processes to prevent patient infections; and
- WHEREAS: Central Service Week is an opportunity to recognize the contributions of central service technicians in ensuring patient safety. During this week we also acknowledge the opportunities and challenges facing those in the central service technician profession; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 8-13, 2017, as CENTRAL SERVICE WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris W. Riley*

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